# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WATER RESOURCES
# LOK SABHA

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LEVEL OF RESERVOIRS
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Water levels of 70 major reservoirs dip" appearing in the 'Statesman' dated September 29, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the lastest status report of Central Water Commission has revealed decline of water level in 70 reservoirs; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to maintain water level in the reservoirs with the Cooperation of State Governments?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring storage position of 70 important reservoirs spread all over the country. The overall storage in these reservoirs as on 22.11.2002 was 58.04 billion cubic metre being less than the last year status of 80.32 billion cubic metre and the average storage status of last 10 years viz: 92.98 billion cubic metre. The State Governments have been advised to judiciously utilize the available water and also do water budgeting so as to maintain optimal water level in the reservoirs.